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**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 7-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Katscher et al. (USP 6,828,790). Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6 and 9 are allowable.

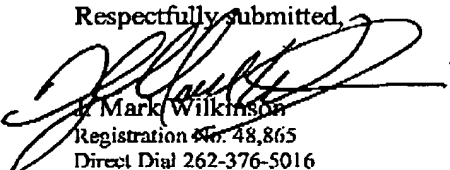
As set forth above, the Examiner rejected claims 1-24 based on Katscher et al. Notwithstanding the numerous distinctions between that which is claimed and that taught and/or suggested by Katscher et al., Applicant, nevertheless, has elected to disqualify Katscher et al. as prior art against the claimed invention as set forth in the enclosed Declaration filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.131. As set forth in the enclosed Declaration, Applicant conceived of the claimed invention prior to the effective date of Katscher et al. and diligently worked toward reducing the claimed invention to practice and worked with counsel in preparing the present application. As such, the art relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is disqualified and cannot be relied upon by the Examiner in sustaining the rejection of claims 1-24. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully believes that, as no outstanding issues are present, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has presented a number of amendments to improve readability of the claims. The amendments have not been made to define the invention over the art of record or for any other reason related to patentability.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-24.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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